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Too many passes; need more seats

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Surge in demand for digging percolation pits, recharge wells at residential societies, homes amid ongoing dry spell

GET WELLS SOON

Well diggers in city swamped with calls

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There is a silent revolution brewing in Bengaluru.

Over the last month, many residential societies and individual houses in the city have opted for recharge pits and open wells on their premises. They have taken the stride out of fear of running out of groundwater in the next few years. Residents said these recharge pits will help curb the city's water crisis.

One such residential complex is Prestige Langleigh in Whitefield. The housing society with over 100 units has decided to dig 35 recharge pits on their campus to ensure water security in the future.

This is after the residents faced a shortage of Cauvery water supply and yield from three bore wells did not suffice their needs.

"We already had 35 recharge pits on our campus. However, we have decided to improve the groundwater recharge mechanism after going through water scarcity over the last couple of months. We will be doubling the number of pits to 70. We are also taking experts' opinions on the location of the existing pits and if these pits need to be deepened," said Thomas Bayyapylli, a resident of Prestige Langleigh.

Citizens BM spoke to said, for Bengaluru to be a water-resilient city, groundwater augmentation through recharge pits is a step in the right direction.

"We have decided to get multiple percolation pits on our campus after yield from five bore wells has dropped drastically. Cauvery water supply has

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> **"I have dug nearly one hundred open wells and more than a hundred recharge pits in the last one month for various housing societies across the city**
>
> — Well digger

Why make access inclusive

Providing disabled-friendly accessibility in public transport is vital

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According to a study, 46.6 per cent of disabled people surveyed said they use public transport buses in Bengaluru. Experts said road transport corporations must consider the needs of disabled persons while procuring new vehicles.

The study conducted amongst 633 participants from Bengaluru and Kalaburagi found that 46.6 per cent of disabled people use public transport buses in Bengaluru and 52.3 per cent use public transport buses in Kalaburagi.

In Bengaluru, 23.8% disabled persons reported using auto-rickshaws/taxis/other hired vehicles and 18.3% reported using family-owned vehicles as a means of transport to access healthcare facilities.

While a smaller number of participants used ambulances (3.8%) or trains (5.2%), the majority used public transport and family-owned vehicles as means of transport to access healthcare facilities.

However, in Kalaburagi, a large chunk of the participants - 52.3 % - reported using state transport buses, while 18.6% reported using auto-rickshaws/taxis/other hired vehicles and 17.6% reported using trains as a means of transport to access the healthcare facilities in comparison; a smaller

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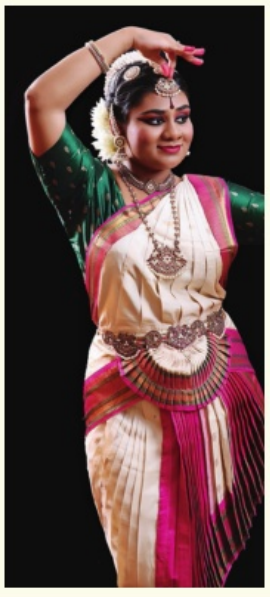
2 THINGS TO DO

01 Chronicles of Oppenheimer

Join the April meetup of the Urban Solace book lovers' club for the book review of 'American Prometheus,' a 2005 biography of theoretical physicist J Robert Oppenheimer, the leader of the Manhattan project that produced the first nuclear weapons. Written by Kai Bird and Martin J Sherwin over a period of 25 years, it won numerous awards, including the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for biography or autobiography.
Where: Urban Solace
When: April 14, 11:30 am to 1 pm

02 Solo debut



Come and celebrate with Rhea Vikranth, as she will be presenting her Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha (solo debut performance) at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. She is the daughter and disciple of Anuradha Vikranth and a student at the Drishti Art Centre. Padma Vibhushan Guru, Dr Padma Subrahmanyam, will be the chief guest of the event.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval
When: April 14, 5:30 pm

TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd results signal growth

TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd held a press conference to present its annual 'Audited Financial' results for FY 2023–24, declaring a growth in deposits, loan book, business mix, and net profits. The bank also inaugurated new branches and an off-site ATM, expanding its services, and launched a voice-based QR code transaction alerting app for customer convenience and security. It plans to open more branches soon. The bank reduced its gross NPA percentage and received awards from the Indian Banks' Association. The Managing Director & CEO, Subbalakshmi Shirali, outlined strategic initiatives focusing on customer experience, digital transformation, and expanding reach. The chairman emphasised prudent risk management and supporting economic recovery efforts.

PU record results call for additional seats

81.5% students cleared II PU exams, 6.48% rise in eligibility for higher studies

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This year, a remarkable 81.15 per cent of students have successfully cleared the II PU exams, indicating a notable increase of 6.48 per cent in the number of students eligible for higher studies compared to previous years. While it's delightful that a large number of students succeeded, it has also posed challenges regarding the availability of sufficient seats in university colleges to accommodate them.

There are 430 government first-grade colleges and 370 private colleges in Karnataka's general education sector. In the realm of technical education, there are 16 engineering colleges, 102 government polytechnics, 44 aided polytechnics, and 196 private unaided polytechnics. Additionally, within the ambit of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), there are 208 engineering colleges. Furthermore, there are 41 government-run universities, 27 private universities, and 11 deemed universities.

Professor Lingaraj Gandhi, the vice chancellor of Bengaluru Central University, expressed, "With the surge in PU results, there is an urgent need to augment intake capacity. This necessitates colleges to submit requests for seat increments through the local inspection committee, which will be deliberated upon in the Academic Council and Syndicate meetings."

During the Covid era, as all II PU students were promoted, a record 4.70 lakh students were admitted to university education. In 2022, 4.33 lakhs passed out of 6.84 lakh students who appeared for II PU exams, of which 3.46 lakh pursued general degree courses. However, in 2023, only 3.28 lakh students enrolled in general degree courses.

> **"With the surge in PU results, there is an urgent need to augment intake capacity. This necessitates colleges to submit requests for seat increments**
> –Prof Lingaraj Gandhi, vice chancellor, BCU

Out of the 5.52 lakh students clearing the exams, 1.28 lakh are from the arts and 1.74 lakh from commerce streams, likely aiming for general degree courses. Conversely, 2.49 lakh students from the science stream aspire for engineering courses, leaving the rest to opt for general degree courses. This year, a record 3.75 lakh students have already registered for CET exams. It's worth noting that during 2020–21, with all students passing in the Covid year, a record 6.66 lakh enrolled for CET. Consequently, the higher education department urged universities to increase seat capacities as per demand. Although the current scenario isn't as dire, there's undoubtedly a pressing need for seat expansion.

School accessories 'on time'

Meanwhile, with exams concluded for all schools, administrations are busy preparing to welcome students for the next academic year, starting at the end of May. However, in government schools, the challenge lies in providing uniforms and socks for the students. This year, administrative work has come to a halt due to the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. Nevertheless, officials assure that there is no cause for concern as tenders were issued well before the announcement of poll dates.

This is of utmost importance as every year, many students fail to receive their uniforms, books, or socks during the initial weeks, and some of them have to wait for three to four months. BB Kaveri, commissioner for Public Instruction, said, "As the election code of conduct is in effect, we have issued work orders before its implementation. Hence, there is no need for parents or students to be anxious, as this time we are confident of providing uniforms and other accessories well in time."

Exam dates nearing, CET confusion persists

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The CET results might be announced in early June, with Test-3 results considered during final counselling. The rank will be determined based on whichever score is higher between PU exams 1 and 2, said S Ramya, executive director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

Meanwhile, stating his stance, Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar told Bangalore Mirror on Saturday, "In its eagerness to defend its indefensible actions, instead of looking at the genuine problems faced by the students, the KEA is hopping from one problem to another."

He then outlined several questions he wished to pose to the authorities and said,

CET exams are to be held on April 18 and 19, results likely to be out in early June

"What is the minimum and maximum distance (in km) from the residence and examination centres of students appearing for CET exams on April 18 and 19? The KEA has said that the students were given the choice to choose the exam centre. Does it mean students from Basavanagudi deliberately opted for exam centres in Yelahanka and those from Kengeri for centres near Peenya? Was there a choice for students in Rajajinagar to choose centres two to four kilometres away?"

Kumar urged KEA to provide the district-wise number of students who have been assigned centres outside of their districts and asked for an explanation.

Additionally, while shedding light on complaints from parents about downloading CET admission tickets, he criticised KEA's involvement in students' exam choices, stressing that its role is to conduct exams smoothly. One such complaint stated that the reason for denying the opportunity to write CET exams was due to opting for NEET exams, according to CET officials. "KEA should promptly issue admission tickets to all CET exam applicants and resolve the confusion to benefit their futures," added Kumar.

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Citizens demands revival of stalled lake project

Locals take action as Palike's delayed restoration leaves lake pollution unchecked

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Residents living around Hosakerehalli Lake in RR Nagar say they are at their wit's end. This is after the rejuvenation work of the 53-acre waterbody was halted nearly a year ago by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) due to the arrival of the monsoon. While another monsoon season is about to set in, the work is yet to resume.

The residents have thus decided to take it upon themselves and bring the issue to the notice of higher authorities.

"We have started an online petition demanding that the rejuvenation of the lake be resumed immediately. While BBMP began the restoration process of the lake in May 2023, the work came to a grinding halt with the last monsoon season and hasn't resumed ever since. BBMP was allocated Rs 14 crore for the restoration process. However, no timelines were put in place, and work is not even halfway through. We will reach out to higher authorities with the petition," said a resident.

Locals say heaps of garbage strewn around the lake are attracting a scourge of mosquitoes. Additionally, the garbage dumps have put the health of residents, especially senior citizens and children, at risk as the surrounding atmosphere is getting polluted.

They highlight that the lake should be fenced immediately to prevent the dumping of garbage, the path around the lake should be concretised, construction of the retaining wall around the lake should be completed, de-silting should begin soon, and entry of untreated sewage has to be blocked.

Restoration work left incomplete at Hosakerehalli Lake

> **While BBMP began the restoration process of the lake in May 2023, the work came to a grinding halt with the last monsoon season and hasn't resumed ever since**
>
> — a resident of RR Nagar

Hosakerehalli's rejuvenation work was taken up after a group of residents organised a string of clean-up drives a couple of years ago and highlighted the problems arising due to the polluted lake with the Zonal Commissioner during a ward committee meeting in September 2022.

After multiple complaints and requests, BBMP began reviving the waterbody a year ago. However, concrete work and de-silting at the lake were stopped immediately after it began due to the arrival of the rainy season.

"Officials had informed us that development work would be taken up immediately after the monsoon season. However, the lake has been abandoned instead. Due to mosquitoes, we are forced to close all windows by 4 pm every day as we are worried about our health. With temperatures soaring, this becomes difficult to manage," said another resident of the area.

The online petition also underlines that Kerekodi Main Road, abutting the lake and connecting Hosakerehalli to RR Nagar, is in poor condition, and commuting has become a daily hardship. The stretch in a bad state has also become prone to frequent accidents.

"Around 500 meters of Kerekodi Main Road was demolished to widen it. However, it was never rebuilt. It has become a political issue while citizens are the ones suffering," lamented another resident.

Three years, 4,000 saplings planted

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A few residents of Balaji Layout on Kanakapura Layout have made it a habit of spending two to three hours planting saplings every Sunday to increase greenery. They have been planting saplingsevery Sunday for the last three years and have planted around 4,000 saplings to date.

"I began this initiative of planting saplings by planting six saplings in front of my home three years ago. I have continued to date and have the plan to go ahead with it as long as I can to increase green cover in and around Balaji Layout. To date, I, along with my neighbours and friends, have planted around 4,000 saplings," said Harish S of Balaji Layout.

Residents planting a sapling at 6th Cross of Balaji Layout

The speciality of the initiative is consulting the homeowners before planting saplings in front of their homes. "We will not plant saplings in public places because watering such saplings will become a tough task and the rate of survival of saplings will be minimal. We will take the property owners into confidence before deciding to plant saplings in front of their homes," said Harish.

He has been spending money to procure saplings and tree guards all these years. "I consider spending money to procure saplings and tree guards as my contribution to society. Sometimes I get saplings from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike free of cost. There are occasions when property owners prefer fruit-bearing saplings. I have to spend money to procure such saplings from private nurseries. I want to thank my neighbours and friends for accompanying me to plant saplings every Sunday," he said, adding that he procures tree guards from a vendor in bulk.

They have planted saplings in and around Balaji Layout, Vajarahalli, Banashankari, and Rashmi Nagar. "We have been planting saplings in the 3-km radius of Balaji Layout," he said.

Meanwhile, Satish Shastry of Balaji Layout said that he has been associated with planting saplings for the past one and a half years. "On average, we are planting two to three saplings per week. I am happy to be part of this team," said Satish Shastry.

Sudheer BK, a resident, said that he used to participate in beautifying black spots before joining Harish to plant saplings. "I have been accompanying Satish for the last three years," said Sudheer.

Professor R Satyanarayana said that he took part in planting saplings six years ago. Still, all those saplings were damaged due to the digging of the road by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and others. "Later, I decided to join hands with Harish and have been associated with him for the last three years. I am happy to be part of this team," said Satyanarayana.

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Pavement blocked

Tin Factory

For months, boulders have been obstructing the footpath opposite the temple in the Tin Factory area, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk.

Garbage in flames

Mallappa Layout

Garbage is consistently being dumped and burned in one of the vacant corner sites. Authorities must promptly intervene to clear this area and urge the owner to cover it to prevent such nuisances.

No top cover

SP Road

While the BBMP's garbage vans are commendable in collecting waste, they lack lids on top, causing garbage to spill out onto the roads. A large, arched cover is necessary to contain the garbage and prevent both road pollution and unpleasant odours within the van.

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Winging it

Around 5,000 pigeons flock from various parts of the area and arrive at the Doddakannelli playground near Sarjapur Road daily. It has become their daily routine same as residents of the area, who make it a point to feed them. The pigeons gather there only for a fixed time in the evenings and then fly off to different areas

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Farmer injured in tiger attack

A 22-year-old man was injured after he was attacked allegedly by a tiger at a village in Chamarajanagara district, the forest department said on Saturday.

Mannu suffered injuries on his neck and hands.

He is said to be in a stable condition and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Mysuru.

According to forest department officials, the incident occurred on Friday at around 6.30 pm in Honakanahalli village. The tiger, which is about two-years-old, pounced and attacked Mannu when a group of people approached the animal which had taken refuge in a farm.

"... we tried to dart it but it escaped and entered another farm. People tried to chase the tiger away and it leapt on Mannu and attacked on his neck and hands. Later, it escaped into the forest area," a forest official said.

"Mannu escaped with injuries on his neck and hands. He is stated to be out of danger now and undergoing treatment," he added. **PTI**

Siddaramaiah under pressure on home turf

Race to Lok Sabha

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is under pressure to ensure the victory of candidates of the Congress party on his home turf, Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, and the neighbouring Chamarajanagar Parliamentary seat.

The Congress is facing formidable BJP opponents in both seats. Taking no chances amid talks of the veteran Congress leader "gradually approaching the end of his CM term", Siddaramaiah has been sweating it out on both seats.

He had camped for four days to carry out campaigning in Mysuru district for his close aide M Laxman, who is the Congress candidate for Mysuru-Kodagu segment.

CM Siddaramaiah campaigned throughout the day in Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Constituency on Friday. Sunil Bose, son of Minister for Social Justice HC Mahadevappa is the Congress candidate.

Mahadevappa is a close confidant of CM Siddaramaiah. Knowing the challenges and consequences very well, the Chief Minister's son, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, has been working tirelessly in both constituencies.

The BJP had denied a ticket to sitting BJP MP Pratap Simha, a Vokkaliga leader, and fielded the royal scion Yaduveer Wadiyar.

CM Siddaramaiah, who vehemently opposed Mysuru royal family, is tight-lipped about Yaduveer Wadiyar and Mysuru kings, fearing backlash to his party.

Thousands of Congress workers spilled on to the streets in Chamarajanagar town during an election rally recently

He has also instructed party leaders not to make any comments. According to political observers, Siddaramaiah is being careful about the polarisation of Vokkaliga and forward community (general case) votes in the Mysuru-Kodagu seat.

In this seat, which has about 15 lakh voters, Vokkaliga votes account for more than 4 lakh, followed by Lingayats, Dalits, and OBCs. There are 1.5 lakh Muslim and 1 lakh Brahmin voters. Following the polarisation of Vokkaliga votes, CM Siddaramaiah suffered a humiliating defeat in the Assembly election in 2018 from Chamundeshwari Assembly seat in Mysuru district.

Chief Minister has been camping out in Mysuru district, busy campaigning as party faces two formidable opponents from BJP in the region

CM Siddaramaiah has now been making strategies to tap more than 2 lakh votes of Dalits, 2 lakh votes of OBCs, 1.3 lakh votes of Kurubas, 1 lakh votes of STs, 1.5 lakh Muslim votes, and voters from other communities including Christians.

Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Seat is considered as the bastion of the Congress party as voters from oppressed classes dominate the numbers. The BJP has fielded S Balaraj, a close aide of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa from the seat.

Siddaramaiah is confident of winning the seat as there are 4.60 lakh Dalit votes, 2 lakh Scheduled Tribe voters, and 1.60 lakh voters of Kuruba community.

Siddaramaiah said on Friday in Chamarajanagar that the Congress had won 136 seats by getting 43 per cent of votes in the last assembly elections.

"The BJP won only 66 seats. The JD-S got 19 seats. Now both of them are afraid of this election. They have come together to face the Congress party without any ideology or programme. The only goal is to defeat the Congress party," he said.

According to political analysts, Siddaramaiah is under pressure to put up a good show on his own turf, mainly to present that as a testimony to his governance and popularity. **IANS**

Hampi block at Tirumala is huge hit

The Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department has completed the construction of the Hampi block at the Karnataka Choultry Mysore Complex in Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, with the inclusion of AC rooms and suites. This block has turned out to be a hit and has received a maximum number of bookings on the Karnataka temples accommodations website.

The Sri Venkateshwara Swamy temple, Tirumala, is one of the holiest sites for all the Hindus residing across the world and is amongst the most visited religious sites in the world.

The temple receives over thousands of pilgrims every day, who wait in long queues for hours to get a glimpse of the deity.

A source from the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department said that the Hampi block was launched on March 4 and there are about 90 rooms open to the public for the state. There are 50 rooms of A type and 15 rooms of type B that can be done through online booking and the others offline. The A type is considered to be smaller comparatively to the B type room.

"After we initiated the online bookings, response has been good. Almost half of the rooms are full. There is one more block with 86 rooms and it is booked for two months. We have slashed the prices to Rs 900 so that common people also can avail of the facility," said an official from the department adding that 70% of the bookings are coming online. **BMB**

Cafe bomber, mastermind sent to 10-day police custody

The prime suspects in the Rameshwaram cafe blast were remanded to 10-day police custody by the NIA Special Court on Saturday. The accused, identified as Mussavir Hussain Shazib and Abdul Matheen Taha, were caught from their hideout in Kolkata, where they were hiding using false identities on Friday.

A statement by the NIA elaborated on the details of the arrests, explaining that the two absconding terrorists were tracked from their hideout. The NIA requested the West Bengal police to secure the accused upon discovering their location in a lodge near Kolkata under assumed identities, leading to the successful culmination of the search operation.

Last week, Mussavir Hussain Shazib was identified as the key accused who carried out the blast, while Abdul Matheen Taahaa was identified as the co-conspirator. Additionally, Maaz Muneer Ahmed and Muzzamil Sheriff were identified by the probing agency as terrorists who played pivotal roles in the explosion, with Sheriff being involved in providing logistical support to the other accused in carrying out the IED explosions.

Man strangles wife during quarrel

A husband strangled his wife, who had insisted on having another child after an abortion, on Friday in the HAL police station limits.

According to the police, the victim has been identified as Girija, 35. The accused Naveen Kumar, 31 has been arrested.

Bhatkal-born beautician Girija and Ramnagar-born Naveen Kumar fell in love and got married eight months ago. The couple lived in a rented house in Annasandrapalya. Naveen is a businessman, while Girija was a homemaker.

A senior police officer said that there was a fight between the couple around 10.30 on Friday night and they were shouting loudly. After some time, Naveen left the house shouting and did not come back. The security guard informed the owner of the building about the screaming and went to Naveen's house where the body was discovered. According to the sources, Girija had an abortion two months ago. She was adamant that she wanted another child. Naveen Kumar said in the preliminary hearing that he strangled her in anger due to a quarrel. The official said that the case is still under investigation.

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BABYMOON SHINES ON: Deepika shares glimpses from holiday with hubby

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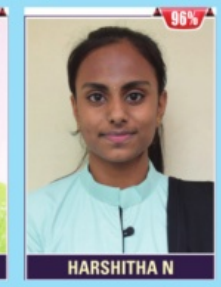
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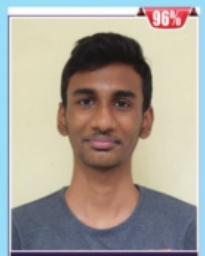
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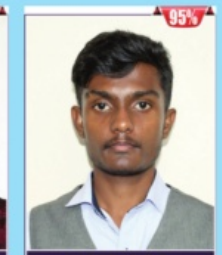
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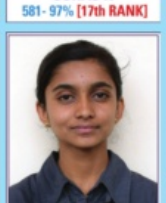
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Squirrel's temple lookout

A squirrel views its surroundings from a high perch at Someshwara temple, Kolar.

The picture was clicked by BM reader **ASV Amogh**

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BMTC sees 69% drop in non-traffic revenue: Officials

Rs 2,631 crore in 2022-23, Rs 811 crore earned in 2023-24

File photo of BMTC buses

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Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has earned a whopping Rs 811 crore through non-traffic revenue in 2023–24. However, it saw a 69.17 percent decrease in non-traffic revenue from the previous year, when it had earned Rs 2,631.63 crore.

Apart from ticket-fare revenue, RTCs earn non-traffic revenue mostly by leasing out land. BMTC majorly leases out the bus station spaces to gain non-fare revenue.

In 2023–2024 (up until January), the total gross revenue was Rs 2,096.69 crore. BMTC earned Rs 1,691.07 crore from traffic revenue, seeing a 24.1 per cent increase from 2022–23. However, in 2022–23, BMTC saw a 75.8 per cent increase in traffic revenue, earning Rs 621.84 crore.

The corporation earned a whopping Rs 811.24 crore in non-traffic revenue, Rs 136.53 crore in terms of commercial revenue, Rs 405.62 crore in terms of other revenue, and Rs 269.08 crore in government reimbursement and financial assistance. BMTC earned 5,090.4 paise in traffic revenue per kilometre.

It also incurred an expense of Rs 2617.22 crore for the cost of operations of the buses. Utilising 6372 buses, it ran 33.221 crore km with 10.86 lakh km per day. The corporation used 79.8 and 84.5 per cent of the vehicles in 2022–23 and 2023–24, respectively.

"Our primary sources for non-traffic revenue come from the leasing of stalls, offices, and parking spaces. Some of the revenue comes from leasing out advertisements on the backsides of buses. We have signed a deal with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for retail outlets in a depot, which might increase based on demand. We have also been planning to identify vacant land and provide for leasing, but there has been no demand as of now," said a senior BMTC official.

DID YOU KNOW?

Malgudi Days, the nation's most beloved book turned series, has roots in Bengaluru. To come up with the unique name of the fictional town 'Malgudi,' RK Narayan, the creator of this captivating novel, supposedly blended the names of two of the oldest localities in the city, Malleshwaram and Basavanagudi. Readers of the series might find it hard to imagine Swami and his friends running around, imagining their localities now. Malgudi Days is a collection of short stories by Narayan that includes 32 stories, all set in the fictional town of Malgudi, located in South India.

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

Can you pinpoint specific instances where Bangalore's traffic management has impressed you?

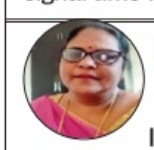
Pramod, BM reader
Effective traffic management, such as the implementation of smart solutions and innovative traffic control measures, contributes to a more seamless and efficient commuting experience.

Chandan, BM reader
The city's traffic management has made significant strides in recent years, particularly with the implementation of AI-based systems. One such system provides an automatic green corridor for ambulances, ensuring timely medical assistance.

Rekha, BM reader
Traffic management is very impressive when the celebration of the new year happens every year in major Bengaluru areas, especially in crowded areas like Brigade Road, Hebbal, and Shivaji Nagar.

Arvind, BM reader
The intelligent traffic management system that has been implemented, which uses violation detection cameras and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to monitor traffic and regulate it accordingly.

Govinda, BM reader
The department is planning to increase the number of traffic signals across Bengaluru from 363 to 500 in the next two to three years and implement an adaptive traffic control system in three phases over the next three years, under which signal time will adapt based on actual demand.



Hemalatha, BM reader
Bengaluru has become the first city in India to formally tie up with Google to improve its traffic management system. The city has also introduced an Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) to detect traffic violations and issue challans to offenders.

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How has the city's resilience and adaptability during challenging times reinforced your admiration for it?

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All about water woes

What is most-sought after commodity? Water, of course

Consumer trends reveal spike in water-related searches; Niti Aayog predicts worse in store

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As the world grapples with the ongoing climate crisis, Justdial unveiled alarming consumer trends, shedding light on the exacerbating water scarcity issue in urban areas across the country. The findings from the latest Justdial Consumer Trends Report underscore the pressing need for immediate action to address the looming water crisis.

A report by Niti Aayog predicts a bleak future, stating that 20 major Indian cities are on the brink of severe water scarcity, with an estimated 40 percent decline in freshwater availability by 2030. The recent El Nino phenomenon has compounded the issue, leaving a significant portion of the country reeling under severe drought conditions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has also issued warnings of a hotter and drier summer this year, attributing it to the El Niño effect.

The Justdial consumer trends report reveals aurge in water-related searches in key urban areas. Bengaluru and Hyderabad saw a 101 per cent and 56 per cent increase, , in consumer queries related to water resources, suggesting that these two major metropolises are severely impacted by water scarcity. In other major cities like Pune (31 per cent), Mumbai (11 per cent), Ahmedabad (7 per cent), Chennai (6 per cent), Delhi (3 per cent), there is a significant rise in searches for water-related services as well.

Among the most searched categories on the Justdial platform were water tank dealers, drinking water tanker suppliers, water tank repairs & services, and water tank cleaning services, reflecting the growing concern among consumers regarding water availability and quality.

As Justdial data suggests, water tanker businesses with a digital presence saw a surge in demand during the past quarter. This highlights the growing importance of online visibility for such vendors. By embracing the digital landscape, traditional water tanker suppliers can tap into a wider customer base and streamline their operations. The ramifications of inadequate water supply extend far beyond mere inconvenience. It poses a direct threat to societal stability and economic prosperity. Rapid urbanisation, climate change, and inadequate infrastructure have exacerbated water shortages in cities nationwide. The repercussions include heightened public health risks due to waterborne diseases and strain on healthcare systems.

> **By 2038, Bengaluru will be choked with paved surfaces (over 98%), and 69.9% (from 55.71% in 2022) of Bengaluru Urban will be paved** –CES report

To address these challenges, the government has initiated policy-led interventions for effective water management at the village or district level, as per the Niti Aayog report. The success story of the 'Drink from Tap Mission' in Puri City (Odisha) presents a viable model that can be exemplified as a replicable model. By understanding these consumer trends, policymakers, businesses, and individuals can work collaboratively to devise solutions for water conservation.

Concretisation impact

According to the Centre for Ecological Studies (CES), Bengaluru has lost its green cover by 66 per cent, water bodies by 74 per cent, and witnessed a growth of 584 per cent in built-up areas. By 2038, CES predicts that forests will be reduced to 0.65 per cent. Bengaluru will be choked with paved surfaces (over 98 per cent), and 69.90 per cent (from 55.71 per cent in 2022) of Bengaluru Urban will be paved areas by 2038.

RR Nagar residents quench birds' thirst

A group of residents and volunteers from Hasiru have embarked on a mission to provide water for birds at approximately 10 parks in Raja Rajeshwari Nagar. They have placed concrete rings and water bowls in these parks for the benefit of the birds. Due to acute water shortages in these parks, they have committed to regularly filling up the concrete rings and water bowls.

While watering plants and trees along the lake bunds has become a routine for lake activists and environmentalists in Bengaluru East, there is no need for them to maintain concrete rings or water bowls for birds, as most of the lakes in Bangalore East still have water available for birds. However, in RR Nagar Zone, a few lakes have dried up, making the provision of water bowls a boon for birds around such lakes and parks where water has become scarce.

Dr Kalpana Vishwanath, one of the volunteers residing in RR Nagar, expressed her satisfaction with the cooperation from residents who volunteer to fill up the concrete rings at parks. She stated, "With the help of volunteers and residents, I managed to place concrete rings at 10 parks and one of the dried-up lakes. I am very pleased with the cooperation and active support from the residents who volunteer to fill up concrete rings at parks."

The residents and volunteers have not only contributed to procuring concrete rings but also brought water from their homes while visiting nearby parks for morning and evening walks. Suresh Bhat K, a resident of Basappa Layout, RR Nagar, shared his experience, stating, "I have joined hands with other residents to fill up concrete rings and water bowls at parks for the benefit of birds for the past month. Due to last year's rainfall shortfall, there is an acute water shortage this summer. I have been involved in environmental activities for the last 10 years through Hasiru."

— Y Maheswara Reddy

BWSSB and BAF's treated water partnership

To promote the use of treated water in Bengaluru, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF). Under this agreement, the water board will assist apartments in selling their excess treated water by purchasing it and making it available through BWSSB's tankers.

This initiative comes after the Karnataka Government authorised residential complexes in the city to sell a maximum of 50 per cent of treated water collected from their Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

"Following the government's directive last month, there was a shortage of intermediary organisations to distribute treated water to end users. BWSSB has thus taken the initiative to bridge this gap between apartment complexes and consumers. Initially, BWSSB will utilise tankers to collect treated water from nearby apartments. In the subsequent phase, the Board will explore supplying this water to consumers through pipelines," stated BWSSB Chairman Dr Ram Prasath Manohar.

Water tankers supplying water to apartment buildings

Regarding the quality of treated water, apartments must adhere to standards set by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). Sellers and buyers will be responsible for ensuring water quality through further testing. As per the notification, treated water should meet specific criteria including pH value between 6.5 and 8.5, biological oxygen demand less than 10mg/l, chemical oxygen demand less than 50mg/l, total suspended solid value less than 10mg/l, ammonical nitrogen concentration below 5mg/l, total nitrogen level less than 10mg/l, and faecal coliform concentration below 100 MPN/100ml.

Water to end users

After successfully collaborating with BWSSB to sell treated water to construction sites, BAF is now considering launching a pilot project for a water pipeline grid to deliver treated water to end users. Mahadevapura has been selected for the pilot. "To assess the effectiveness of water pipeline grids in transporting treated water, we aim to identify approximately 50 apartments with sewage treatment plants in the Mahadevapura zone. This will provide insights into the volume of treated water available for sale," said BAF president Vikram Rai.He added that with BWSSB's assistance, they can determine the demand in the area and establish a pipeline network.

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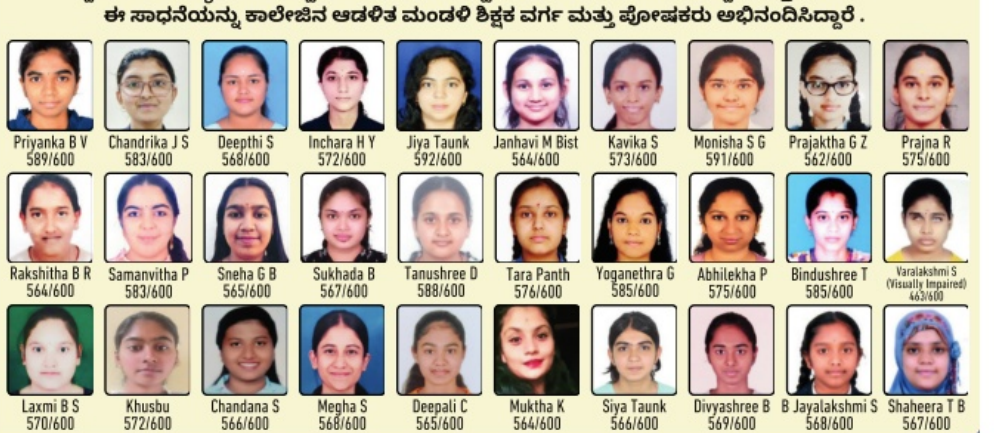

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number of participants used ambulances (3.1%) or private vehicles (7.8%).

The study was conducted by the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People, New Delhi with the support of ANZ.

Providing disabled-friendly accessibility in public transport is vital for the increased use of public buses as the majority of disabled people, as per the study, suffer from locomotor disability in Bengaluru.

While the majority of the participants had a locomotor disability, it was followed by people suffering from intellectual disability, hearing impairment and visual impairment.

The study observed that amongst participants of Bengaluru, 44.5% of females reported being employed compared to 52.0 % of males, and 48.0 % of males reported being unemployed compared to 55.5 % of females.

A stark difference in terms of employment status was noticed in the case of Kalaburagi where only 10.7 % of females reported being employed compared to 19.8% of males, and 80.2% of males reported being unemployed compared to 89.3% of females.

Stress on disabled friendly mobility

In case of the participants from Bengaluru, the majority had a high school education, only two females and five male participants held a postgraduate degree. Twenty females and nineteen males were illiterate.

> **“Majority of disabled shy away from post-graduation as there is a lot of stigma experienced around disability**

Unlike Bengaluru, in Kalaburagi, the majority of participants were illiterate (54 females and 77 males), while only two females and five males held a postgraduate degree. Twenty four females and 44 males had middle school education qualifications (6th & 8th standards).

“Majority of disabled shy away from post-graduation as there is a lot of stigma experienced around disability. They choose to be employed at an earlier stage to avoid the stigma. Some are also dependent on government pensions and avoid further education,” said Akash Shekapure, project coordinator at the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for disabled persons.

A big chunk of participants, in the case of Bengaluru, 20.7% reported primary healthcare centres (PMCs) to be a critically important source for guidance and general health management.

Other key resources constituted 18 per cent social media, 17.2 per cent anganwadi workers, and district hospitals 12.4%. Only 0.4% were dependent on home remedies, and 1.2% seeking guidance from RBSK healthcare workers.

Experts said RTCs must consider accessibility needs of the disabled community while procuring vehicles.

“While procurement of vehicles from vendors for public transport, it is recommended that the government mandates the inclusion of accessible features such as low-floor and foldable ramps for buses, along with designated spaces to accommodate wheelchairs in the technical criteria of RFP/EOIs. Additionally, other accessibility features, such as audio announcements,

and tactile signage, should be considered to ensure that transportation services are fully inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities,” stated the study.

Additionally, the study recommended that by 2029, all private and government insurance companies should offer affordable and accessible health insurance policies tailored to the needs of persons with disabilities. These policies should include comprehensive coverage for rehabilitation, palliative care, orthopaedic, and paramedical expenses, as well as assistive technology devices.

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How to make B’luru water resilient now

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become erratic and we thus need to diversify our water sources. This is not a short-term stop-gap solution to tackle the immediate crisis, but a long-term goal to make Bengaluru safe from future water scarcity,” said a resident from a housing society near Jakkur.

City-based nonprofits working for water conservation agree there has been a steep surge in the number of queries around percolation pits and open wells by housing societies. They told BM that they are flooded with inquiries regarding the revival of open wells, digging recharge wells, and rainwater harvesting systems. This uptick is fuelled by the current water crisis that the city faces.

“There has been an increase in queries around rainwater harvesting pits and other measures to conserve water. People are getting conscious about recharging the water table so extraction is sustainable. While there was already a certain level of awareness surrounding the issue, the ongoing water crisis has added to it. In the last one month, we have received over a hundred queries around water conservation methods and most of them are from apartment complexes, independent houses, and farmlands,” said a representative of Biome Environmental Trust.

According to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bye-Laws 2003 and BWSSB Amendment Act, 2009, a structure within BBMP’s jurisdiction or with a Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) connection must have a recharge well. If the property has a built-up area exceeding 100 square metres on a site area of 200 square metres (BBMP) or a built-up area of 1,200 square feet and above on a site area of 2,400 square feet and above (BWSSB), a recharge well of a minimum of one-metre diameter and six-metre depth is mandatory. However, experts are of the view that the current demand is phenomenal and unprecedented.

Independent well diggers said they are swamped with calls to dig percolation pits and recharge wells.

> **“Bengaluru, to meet its water requirements, needs at least a million recharge wells; we have achieved only 25% of this so far**

“I have dug nearly one hundred open wells and more than a hundred recharge pits in the last one month for various housing societies across the city. People are going for recharge pits and open wells with three to six feet diameters and 40-50 feet depth. The surge in service requests is phenomenal,” said Pedanna, a well-digger in the city.

“Bengaluru, to meet its water requirements, needs at least a million recharge wells; we have achieved only 25% of this so far. However, the current water crisis has accelerated this process and it surely is a step in the right direction. This surge indicates that Bengalureans are aware that there is groundwater scarcity and the water table has to improve,” said Shubha Ramachandran, water team lead at Biome Environmental Trust.

HEALTH TIP: Onions are a good source of fibre that are necessary for a healthy digestive system and regular bowel movements

Leave the skin on cucumbers as it contains fibre and nutrients like vitamins C and K, magnesium and others

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All you need to know about...

Pulmonary fibrosis

Idiopathic type
The most frequent type of pulmonary fibrosis scarring of the lungs is idiopathic, which means that the cause is unclear.
Researchers are working quickly to develop treatments to prevent or reduce idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and associated lung disorders, which can cause severe shortness of breath, dry cough, and intense exhaustion. The average survival time after being diagnosed with IPF is about three to five years, and there is no cure.

Pathway used for healing
A recent U-M study conducted by Sean Fortier, MD and Marc Peters-Golden, MD from the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at U-M Medical School, discovered a pathway used during normal wound healing that has the potential to reverse IPF.
Using a mouse model, they simulated IPF by administering bleomycin, a chemotherapy agent that causes cell injury and confirmed that the resulting lung scarring resolved itself over the span of about six weeks.

Myofibroblasts
During injury or illness, fibroblasts are activated, becoming myofibroblasts that form scar tissue by secreting collagen. When the job is done, these fibroblasts must be deactivated, or de-differentiated, to go back to their quiet state or undergo programmed cell death and be cleared.
"This is the major distinction between normal wound healing and fibrosis – the persistence of activated myofibroblasts," explained Fortier. That deactivation is controlled by molecular brakes. The study examined one of these brakes, called MKP1 – which the team found was expressed at lower levels in fibroblasts from patients with IPF.

—ANI

TRADITIONAL TREATS

Karnataka style recipes for Ramanavami

KOSAMBARI

INGREDIENTS
- 1/2 cup split green gram (moong dal), soaked for 2 hours
- 1 medium-sized cucumber, finely chopped
- 1 medium-sized carrot, grated
- 2 tablespoons grated coconut
- 2 green chilies, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped coriander leaves
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Salt to taste

METHOD
- After soaking the split green gram, drain the water and keep it aside.
- In a mixing bowl, combine soaked split green gram, chopped cucumber, grated carrot, grated coconut, chopped green chilies, and chopped coriander leaves.
- Add lemon juice and salt to the mixture and toss well to combine.
- Refrigerate the Kosambari for about 30 minutes before serving.
- Serve chilled Kosambari as a healthy and refreshing salad.

PANAKA (SWEET DRINK)

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup jaggery (grated)
- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon cardamom powder
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- A pinch of salt
- Ice cubes (optional)

METHOD
- In a saucepan, heat water and add grated jaggery to it. Stir until the jaggery dissolves completely.
- Add grated ginger, cardamom powder, and a pinch of salt to the jaggery water.
- Let the mixture simmer for a few minutes.
- Turn off the heat and allow the mixture to cool down.
- Once cooled, strain the mixture to remove any impurities.
- Add lemon juice to the strained liquid and mix well.
- Refrigerate the Panaka until it's chilled.
- Serve the chilled Panaka with ice cubes if desired.

BUTTERMILK

INGREDIENTS
- 2 cups yogurt (plain)
- 3 cups water
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1 green chili (finely chopped)
- 1 tablespoon chopped coriander leaves
- A pinch of asafoetida (hing)
- Salt to taste

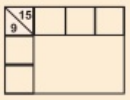
For tempering
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- Few curry leaves

METHOD
- In a mixing bowl, whisk together yogurt and water until smooth.
- Add grated ginger, chopped green chili, chopped coriander leaves, asafoetida, and salt to the buttermilk mixture. Mix well.
- In a small pan, heat oil for tempering. Add mustard seeds and let them splutter. Then add cumin seeds and curry leaves. Fry for a few seconds.
- Pour the tempering over the buttermilk mixture and mix well.
- Refrigerate the buttermilk for at least an hour before serving.
- Serve chilled buttermilk as a refreshing drink.

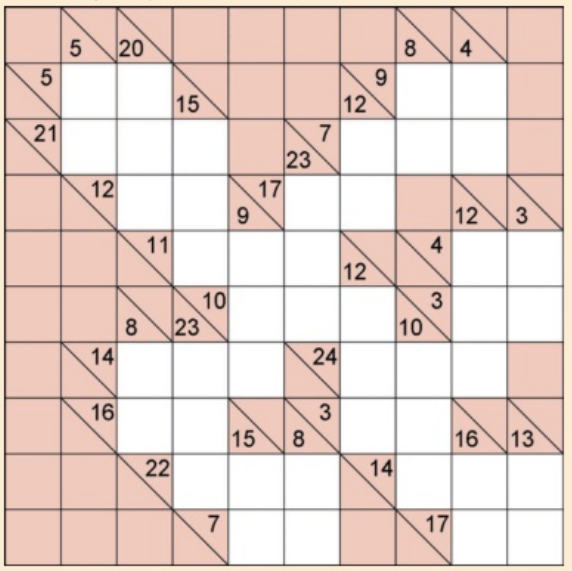
(Executive Chef, Suresh Babu, Clarks Exotica Convention Resort and Spa)

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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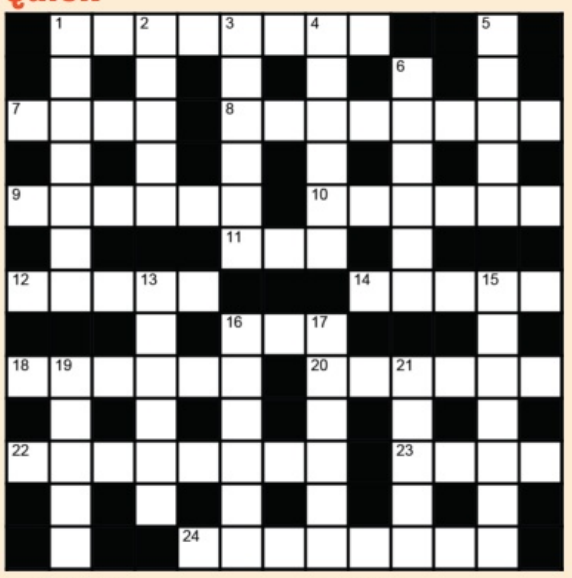


ACROSS

1 A drink (8)
7 Organic compound (4)
8 Taints or contaminates, air or water (8)
9 Arctic plain (6)
10 Egg-shaped bodies (6)
11 Victory (3)
12 Keep or hide away (5)
14 Pleats (5)
16 Dutch airline (3)
18 Ex-President of India (1,1,4)
20 From side to side (6)
22 Likely loser (8)
23 Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in short (4)
24 Protector (8)

DOWN

1 Elaborate feast (7)
2 Legally acceptable (5)
3 Cutting tool of a kind (3-3)
4 Four quarts (6)
5 Multiply (5)
6 Japanese number puzzle (6)
13 Looked happy (6)
15 Srinagar locale (7)
16 Set alight, ignite (6)
17 Hack or mutilate by blows (6)
19 LPs (5)
21 Like a mad dog (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS G

I AIY AIR EJ QD AMKP DZ JB-JGRXPSYO XPIX PJ SQ YDXPSYO DZ IYRXPSYO.

Linemaro

I have an "owie" on my lip. Will you kiss it and make it better?

Mindchow

The contents of a box are much more interesting before the box is opened

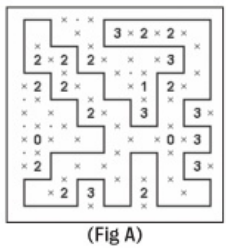
Joke of the day

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but didn't have any patience

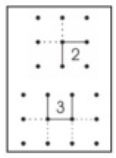
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

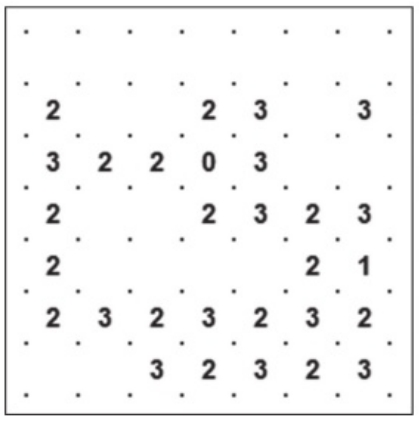


(Fig B) Not Allowed

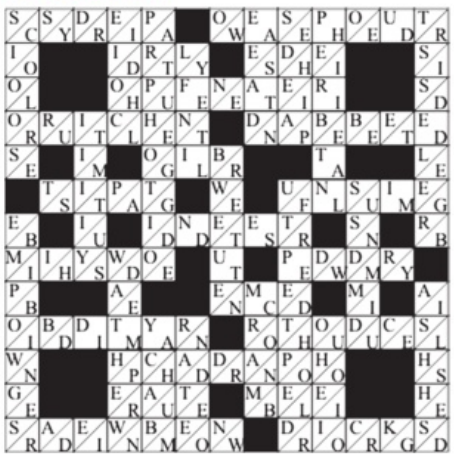
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 K	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Kelps; 6 Lamed; 7 Mean E; 8 Manda (2-3); 9 Taros

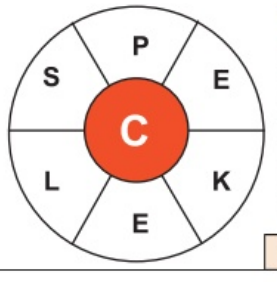
DOWN

1 Reams; 2 Do ken; 3 Medea; 4 Salam; 5 L pant

Mensapuzzle

Each set of nine numbers relates to the other in a certain way. Work out the logic behind the numbers in the left-hand box in order to determine which number is missing from the right-hand box.

4	9	8		6	8	7
8	7	7		9	7	3
3	7	9		2	8	?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	2							4
7		8			3			
	4			2	5	1		
2		7		5	6			
		3				9		
			8	1		7		2
		2	6	9			4	
			5			3		9
4							2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7

4 5 6 8

Medium = 13

2 6 8 9

Hard = 6

2 4 6 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

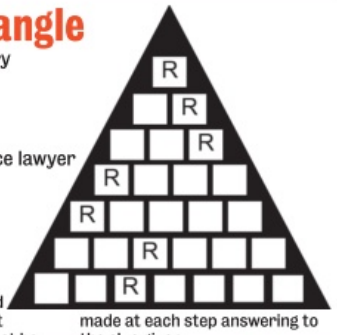
Differences: 1. Ear is different. 2. Stripe is added to boxing trunks. 3. Pail handle is added. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Stool rung is missing.

Riddler

What phrase is represented by the following?
111=EGROTG

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Either
3 High peak
4 List of duties
5 Proportion
6 Merchant of Venice lawyer
7 Salivary gland



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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COMICS

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"I know money can't buy happiness, but I don't want happiness. I want a sports car, a boat, a vacation home, and a giant TV."
"Was that my massage or were you just swatting a fly off my back?"
"My cell phone says you're out of range. I told you we were drifting apart!"
"Heads, we pay off all of our bills. Tails, we use the money to buy ourselves new identities!"
"I'm fixing you a special treat. I'm marinating my kisses!"
BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
PARDON ME.
HEY!
SMELL THIS.
EWW! EWW! EWW!
I REMEMBER WHEN MY ONLY PROBLEM IN THE MORNING WAS DECIDING WHICH CUTE OUTFIT I SHOULD WEAR TO WORK.
SHRIEK!
HOO! YA! KAIEEE!
BAM!
I'M TOTALLY TELLING.
THAT'S MINE!
NOT ANYMORE!
FLASH GORDON
Character Profile:
Aura
THOUGH PASSIONATELY IN LOVE WITH HER HUSBAND, KING BARIN...
...AURA HAS ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HER HEART FOR THE HANDSOME AND COURAGEOUS EARTHLING FLASH GORDON.
AN AFFECTION WHICH HAS BROUGHT HER IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO HER FATHER...
...MING THE MERCILESS.
FLASH GORDON
5-8
By JIM KEEFE
BARIN!
AS THE CREATURES LOCK IN A DEATH EMBRACE, A SECTION OF MING'S SPECTATOR BOOTH IS TORN ASUNDER.
HE'S GONE... CHOKE AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
WHY DID I EVER LISTEN TO YOU!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR REGRETS. YOU'VE CHOSEN YOUR PATH. YOUR PLACE IS WITH ME NOW.
AS MING LEADS HIS GRIEF-STRICKEN DAUGHTER AWAY...
BELOW, IN THE WRECKAGE, FLASH QUICKLY MAKES USE OF THE FALLEN GUARD'S KEYS.
ANYTHING BROKEN?
I'LL BE OKAY... THE DRAGON MAN BROKE MY FALL.
HOLD...
SOMEONE'S APPROACHING!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, the moon's influence isn't positive, increasing the likelihood of feeling unwell and encountering health issues. Avoid investing in new business projects to prevent potential losses. Students should prioritise diligent study over indulging in fantasies. Also, refrain from rushing while driving.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Expect mental peace today, with opportunities to engage with friends and family, enhancing domestic life and spousal understanding. New partnerships in business are on the horizon, while innovative approaches could spur business growth and resolve partnership disputes.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Good health brings happiness today, resolving health-related concerns. Exercise control over unnecessary expenditures, as new sources of income may emerge, bolstering financial stability. Singles could find companionship within their community.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
The positive influence of the moon provides energy for efficient work performance. Extend a helping hand to those in need to enhance your reputation. Dedicate time to intellectual pursuits and consider further education to advance your career.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Impatience and lack of confidence may hinder productivity until evening. Concerns about parental health and children's behaviour may arise. Focus your energy and avoid risky investments. Overcome impatience and family concerns. Be cautious in investments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today brings happiness, potentially leading to plans for overseas work-related travel that could benefit future business prospects. While indulging in luxury items may improve your lifestyle, beware of excessive spending that could harm your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Exercise caution in communication to maintain family harmony. Avoid frivolous spending to uphold financial stability. Communicate carefully for family peace. Spend wisely.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Focus on children's career and extracurricular activities. Seek advice regarding career choices and consider investing in family business. Support children's endeavors and explore family investments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Beware of hidden enemies and avoid risky investments. Practice meditation and yoga to reduce stress. Lovebirds should steer clear of controversies, while students should prioritise hard work. Navigate cautiously, prioritize self-care and study.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Expect job opportunities and potential promotions. Seek transparency in domestic matters to nurture healthy relationships. Expect career advancements and nurture relationships.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Success awaits in your professional endeavours. Past investments may yield gains and creativity can enhance professional skills. Understand and support your spouse's feelings. Seize professional success and support your partner.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
The initial upset may give way to elder blessings, aiding in completing delayed projects. Avoid domestic arguments, and anticipate gains from past investments by evening. Embrace elder guidance, avoid conflicts, and anticipate financial gains.

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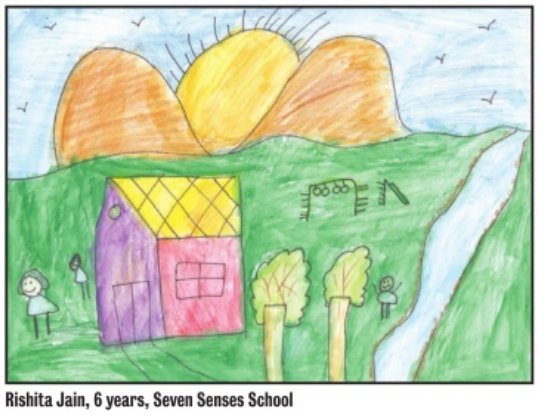

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
2 × ¾/2 × ½/2 × ¾/8 × ¼
2•2 × ½/2 × ¾/2³ × ¾/4
4 × ½/2 × 2 × ¾/2 × ¾/2
8 × ½/2 × ¾/2 × ¾/2.
Cancel out ¾/2.
8•¾/2

QUOTE UNCODE
A man may be so much of everything that he is nothing of anything.

STRIKE OUT
SYRIA WASHOUT
DRY SHE
OPEN AIR
OUTLET NAB
TAG FLUME
GIB A
NUDE ROOT
ANION DOCKS
RAIN BOW DOCK

QUICK
BEVERAGE
ENOL POLLUTES
UNDERAGE OVOID
TUNDRA OVOID
STASH TUCKS
VIGIL RACROSS
MKLM
WIN K
ENDEAR

MENSA PUZZLE
6: the number formed by the top three digits when added to the number formed by the bottom three digits equals the number formed by the middle three digits.

BULL'S EYE
peck, speck, SPECKLE

SUDOKU

3	2	5	9	8	1	6	7	4
7	1	8	4	6	3	2	9	5
9	4	6	7	2	5	1	8	3
2	9	7	3	5	6	4	1	8
1	8	3	2	7	4	9	5	6
6	5	4	8	1	9	7	3	2
5	3	2	6	9	7	8	4	1
8	7	1	5	4	2	3	6	9
4	6	9	1	3	8	5	2	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Or, Tor, Rota, Ratio, Portia, Parotid.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 4 − 8 + 5 = 7
Medium
9 + 2 + 8 − 6 = 13
Hard
6 x 2 / 4 + 3 = 6

FAST FIVE

S	K	E	L	P
M	E	D	A	L
A	N	E	M	A
A	D	M	A	N
R	O	A	S	T

RIDDLER
last one is a rotten egg; Last "1" (one) "=" (is) a "HOT" in "EGG" (rotten egg)

LOOP

2	×	2	×	3	×	3
×		×		×		×
3	×	2	×	2	×	3
×		×		×		×
3	×	2	×	2	×	3
×		×		×		×
2	×	2	×	3	×	1

KAKURO

	8	4		6	3			
5	1	4	9	8		4	2	1
4	2	9	8		7	5	1	2
		1	2	7	1	8	3	1
	3	6	1	3	2	9	7	8
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Blue belle — Actress Megan Fox who recently attended the Celsius Cosmic Desert party during Coachella weekend sporting new blue hair, said she bleached her hair and destroyed it. "So I might as well run through all the colours before I go brown"

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Babymoon shines on

Deepika shares glimpses from holiday with hubby

Amidst the bliss of her pregnancy journey with husband Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone has been relishing every moment of her babymoon. The couple, who delighted fans with the news of their first child's impending arrival in February, recently took a beach holiday together as they prepare to welcome their bundle of joy in September.

In an Instagram post, Deepika shared a glimpse of her babymoon, flaunting a sun-kissed tan on her back while donning a stylish grey tank top and carrying a chic white tote bag.

Responding to her post, Ranveer expressed his longing for the serene moments with the caption, "sigh #TakeMeBack to the Slow Life!"

The couple's fans eagerly flooded the comment section, eagerly anticipating glimpses of Deepika's baby bump. Many followers speculated that Deepika might share more pictures showcasing her back, maintaining a playful yet endearing engagement with her social media followers.

Deepika and Ranveer's journey to parenthood has been a source of immense joy for their fans. The couple's decision to start a family comes as no surprise, given their strong bond nurtured over years of dating and marriage.

Amidst her pregnancy glow, Deepika will continue to enchant audiences on the silver screen. Following her recent appearance in Fighter alongside Hrithik Roshan, she is gearing up for an exciting lineup of projects, including the highly anticipated Kalki 2989 AD with Prabhas and the Hindi remake of The Intern co-starring Amitabh Bachchan.

She will also be seen in Rohit Shetty's cop-verse with Singham 3. —ETimes

Busy bee

In February, Alia Bhatt took to Instagram to announce the completion of her second home production Jigra, directed by Vasan Bala. The film is being co-produced by Karan Johar and also features Archies star Vedang Raina. The film will see Alia Bhatt in an action avatar for the first time.

As the adage goes 'calm before the storm', it is proving damn right as far as Alia's date diary is concerned.

Alia's next project is going to be her first spy film which is backed by Aditya Chopra and directed by Shiv Rawal. If sources are to be believed, the film is slated to go on floor in July in a long 50-55 days schedule. The film also features Sharvari Wagh and Bobby Deol plays the antagonist.

Once she completes this film, she jumps straight into Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film Love and War with Ranbir Kapoor and Vicky Kaushal. The film is slated to start in September. The month of September is looking very busy for the superstar, as she has booked the date of September 27 for the film Jigra, so might have to split her time between her acting and producer duties.

The actress, who was in London recently for a charity function, also met up with Gurinder Chaddha for a project. But nothing has been finalised till now, despite rumours floating around. —ETimes

Vacationers spark rumours

Khushi Kapoor and Vedang Raina have been the subject of romance rumours since their collaboration on the recently released film The Archies. Despite their silence on the matter, the pair's recent vacation in Dubai has ignited further speculation about their relationship.

Photos from their trip, shared by a Khushi Kapoor fan page on Instagram, show the two in stylish matching black outfits.

The pictures highlight their coordinated looks, with Khushi wearing a chic black dress layered with a black jacket and Vedang dressed in blue jeans and a white shirt, topped with a black jacket.

One image captures the rumoured couple sitting together in the backseat of a car, further fueling dating rumours. In terms of their careers, Khushi Kapoor made her acting debut in Zoya Akhtar's The Archies alongside Suhana Khan and Agastya Nanda. The film premiered on Netflix on November 22, 2023. Khushi is set to continue her acting journey in a romantic comedy alongside Ibrahim Ali Khan, directed by Shauna Gautam.

Vedang Raina played the role of Reggie in The Archies and will next be seen in Vasan Bala's highly anticipated film Jigra, headlined by Alia Bhatt. The movie, which wexplores the sibling bond, will feature Vedang as Alia's younger brother. —ETimes